



Syron/Sullivan Administration 2018-2019

Week ending March 1, 2019

Executive Summary

A Message from the President

My apologies for being late on this report. I generally try to type these on Monday morning after Zack and Claire do their part. I was at the presidential search Monday- Friday and it threw my timeline off. Things are going very well recently. The Search is progressing well, as well as ASCSU. For the sake of consistent messaging, let's hit the big topics:

Environmental affairs:

Andrea and Gina are getting "Who gives a scrap bins designed". Facilities is in the approval process. I have UFFAB tomorrow, so I'm going to try to get an update. My hope is to get this all finalized by Monday, or at least an update. Additionally, the sustainability tile. Instead of registration for our sustainability module, we are trying to create a canvas tile that offers all the resources. Andrea has the contact of a person who can probably tell us the process. I think we'll see significant gains in the next week.

U+2:

Yuval called me on Tuesday after council (which isn't unusual, sometimes I get a text) as you can imagine, most of these conversations aren't.....life changing, but necessary. This was one of the most important, revolutionary changes I've ever received. The city motioned to hear more about changing U+2 essentially. So now their team will bring them research, and options. We are closer to ever before in changing this ordinance. Yuval explained the details to me (email him at "ascsu_community_affairs@mail.colostate.edu", he'd love to grab a coffee and explain) but believes changes will happen after the election for Council. We are in the process of hiring a consultation firm to help us continue our messaging. The money, time, and yes, headaches are paying off. I'm incredible proud of the Yuval's hard work and leadership in this.

Notes Bank:

Provost Rick M. looks like he supports (or doesn't oppose) the idea. However, he'd like us to go through faculty council. I respect his decision, with shared governance it's important to keep them in the loop. However, this scares me. Committees are where ideas go to die. My team is preparing our proposal and we'll be refining it before their next meeting. Any suggestions on how to get this to pass, please reach out to Rick. I think they are very close and I'm proud of our Academics Department. They really do care about student success in the classroom and are doing more than I've ever seen.

The concert:

Senate heard the bill this week, and I think it went well. Next steps are to get all the details in order, book, and market. Market involves marketing the undie run as well. We'll try to push out marketing around the effects of sexual assaults and data from last year. I do think that we can find a better solution to bring the campus together than running around in underwear.

The Council on Culture and Accountability:

Last meeting went amazing. I think attendance will begin to increase. We touched on a lot of topics ranging from gaining trust, how the culture got to where it is, details on where it is, and some avenues we can take to make it better. This week, we need a name, a mission statement, an adviser, and some goals. I think that will set us on the right path.

Food insecurity:

New shelves are in, LSC and ASCSU have a vendor to help us get food on whole sale. I think now we need to look at sustainability and consistency, as well as donors. The work has been incredible. Again, very Proud of Hank's leadership on this.

Elections:

I've been informed they need to happen, and I can't just declare a state of emergency to cancel them.

ACTIONS ACCOMPLISHED

Summary of Actions	Who was involved in ASCSU?	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council on Culture and Accountability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASCSU Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASCSU has historically had problems with culture in the office, especially concerning inclusivity and marginalized identities. To address these issues and hopefully work towards improvements in our office culture, we have formed a council to discuss problems in our organization. The first meeting seemed to go well, even if attendance was lower than we would have preferred.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Preparation for Next Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Finance Office of the President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are gathering materials for next year's ASCSU administration to form their budget. We have an estimate for about how much money the organization will leave for the next year.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We should hopefully have most of next year's documentation ready for after the election.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Academics Office of the President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We were working to reinvent the existing ASCSU Test Bank to bring it online and update it with recent tests. It has become clear that a significant portion of the faculty are opposed to any movement of tests online, or indeed students being able to access them before the exam day at all. We have begun working on having a "notes" bank instead, allowing students to access notes from previous students in the course. We will be meeting with faculty council and other university departments to see if the idea is viable.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Environmental Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have been looking into different ways of increasing awareness about sustainability among the student body We have been working to get various displays up around campus with information about things like thin-film recycling and which bin certain items go into. We have been working with the university regarding getting sustainability training into normal student learning here at CSU.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASCSU Supreme Court Office of the President Department of Marketing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASCSU's General Election is less than a month away, starting March 25th and ending April 10th.

- Our Elections Manager has opened applications for the elections committee, looked into potential bylaws changes, and started to recruit candidates.
- While it's still early, it looks as though everything will be done on time.

CHALLENGES/SETBACKS/LESSONS LEARNED THIS WEEK

- Lesson: Some weeks are just mostly set-up
- Lesson: Just because someone can't block something themselves doesn't mean that their opinion doesn't matter.
- Challenge: We need to respect the time of our student workers

HOW THIS ADMINISTRATION WORKED TO PROMOTE THE CSU PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY?

- Inclusion: Trying to include as many people in the upcoming elections.
- Integrity: Owning up to the problems in our organization's culture.

ACTION ITEMS AND GOALS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

- Plan future meetings for the Council on Culture and Accountability
- Finalize budget documents for next year
- Continue speaking with administration regarding the notes bank.
- Continue to push sustainability for students.
- Prepare for the elections